

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

Minutes of the October 19, 2007 Board Meeting

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board meeting was held on **October 19, 2007** beginning at **8:30 am EDT**, in the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, KY. Michael Judge, presiding, called the meeting to order, and the Secretary called the roll.

Roll Call

Members Present

H. H. Barlow; John Cleaver; Rodney Dick; Commissioner Richie Farmer (Michael Judge, designee); Dennis Griffin; Wayne Hunt; Sam Lawson; Jim Mahan; Wayne Mattingly; Sam Moore; Dr. Mary Silas (Dr. Kim Holmes, designee); Dean M. Scott Smith; Secretary John Hindman (Don Goodin, designee)

Members with Excused Absences

Governor Ernie Fletcher; Donna Amburgey, Vickie Yates Brown

Others Present

Staff - Catherine Ball, Angela Blank, Kyle Day, Cyndi Hall, Todd Harp, Tim Hughes, Christi Marksbury, Bill McCloskey, Joel Neaveill, Keith Rogers, Kylee Smith, Nick Whobrey

Guests – Larry K. Snell & Nathan Routt, KCARD; Ken Barr, Keith Luedke, & Steve Wright, Specialty Foods Group; Kaycie Len Carter, Community Farm Alliance; John Morris & Rick Raque, Allied Food Marketers; Christina Gordley, Governor's Office of Policy and Management; Stewart Jones, Roger Thomas & Jim Sidebottom, Kentucky Dairy Development Council; Berea Ernst, K.C. Smith, Ivor Chodkowski, Susan Schlosnagle, Chelsey Schlosnagle, John Sharp & Tim Mracek, Grasshopper's Distribution, LLC.

Notification of Media

Keith L. Rogers, Chief Executive Officer, stated that the media received notice regarding the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board monthly meeting.

Welcome

Mr. Judge welcomed everyone to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Barlow moved to **approve the minutes of the September 28, 2007 meeting as presented**: Dean Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Rogers reviewed the agenda for the day noting that a joint board meeting between the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Dairy Development Council begins at 1:30.

Mr. Rogers called on Bill McCloskey to report on KAFC. Mr. McCloskey presented financial reports on KAFC loans and available funds. (On file with Board Secretary).

Mr. Rogers gave an update on the progress of the Future of Agriculture Task Force. He noted that the next meeting will be November 9th in Louisville.

Mr. Rogers notified the board that the November Planning Meeting will be held November 15-16 in Bowling Green. He also reminded the board that the December meeting will be on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 in Frankfort.

Mr. Rogers called the attention of the Board to the following items in the update folder: Allied Foods Marketers and Rebecca Grace Reports, and Memo from Christi Marksburg on Honest Farms (On file with the board secretary).

Old Business

Drought Issues

Mr. Rogers gave an update on the progress made concerning the boards actions to make the model programs more drought friendly.

Mr. Rogers called the attention of the Board to the Commonwealth Agri-Energy's proposal found in the Update Folder (On file with the Board Secretary).

New Business

Referral of September Projects¹

Mr. Rogers presented projects A2007-0411 to A2007-0421 for referral to the Board's November 16, 2007 meeting for review. Dean Smith moved **that projects A2007-0411 to A2007-0421 be referred for November 16, 2007 review**; Mr. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Approval of Model Programs²

Mr. Judge submitted projects requesting funds for county model programs. Mr. Moore moved **the said applications be approved for the named model programs**; Dr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Requested Amendments³ and Withdrawals⁴

Mr. Rogers presented seven requested amendments for approval. Mr. Barlow moved **that said amendments be approved**; Dean Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

¹ A detailed list of the referred projects is attached as Appendix A.

² A detailed list of projects funded under each model program category is attached as Appendix B.

³ A detailed list of requested amendments approved is attached as Appendix C.

⁴ A detailed list of requested withdrawals approved is attached as Appendix D.

Keith Rogers presented a memo regarding A2007-0418, an application for participation in the Pilot Farm Management program. The applicant requests a total of \$800 in Kenton County Funds. Mr. Dick moved that **A2007-0418 be approved to a total of \$800 in Kenton County funds**; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Christi Marksburly presented an amendment for Honest Farms A2007-0065. Woodford County has approved \$10,000 in county money. Mr. Lawson **moved that said amendment be approved**. John Cleaver seconded the motion. The motion was moved without dissent.

Recommendations for Funding

Kyle Day presented A2007-0301, Specialty Foods Group, Inc. Specialty Foods Group, Inc. requests \$1,000,000 in State funds and \$1,000 in Jefferson County funds and \$1,000 in Casey County funds and \$1,000 in McLean County funds for expansion of their Owensboro facility. Mr. Day reviewed the proposed terms and conditions for the project.

Mr. Griffin moved that **A2007-0301 be approved for \$1,000,000 in State funds and \$1,000 in Jefferson County funds and \$1,000 in Casey County funds**; Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. Included in the motion was the **\$1,000 in McLean County funds**. The motion passed without dissent.

Kyle Day presented A2007-0363, Daviess County Conservation District. Daviess County Conservation District requests \$25,000 in Daviess County funds to administer a program to assist Daviess County youth in assisting in the cost share of multiple programs. Mr. Day reviewed the proposed terms and conditions for the project.

Mr. Mattingly moved that **A2007-0363 be approved for \$25,000 in Daviess County funds**; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion. The motion was passed without dissent.

Nick Whobrey presented A2007-0369, Adair County Board of Education. Adair County Board of Education requests \$75,350 in Adair County funds to develop a five acre livestock facility. Mr. Whobrey reviewed the proposed terms and conditions for the project.

Mr. Dick moved that **A2007-0369 be approved for \$75,350 in Adair County funds**; Mr. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Kyle Day presented A2007-0373, Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development Foundation, Inc. Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development Foundation, Inc. requests \$16,500 in Callaway County funds and \$16,500 in State funds for the construction of a farmer's market facility. Mr. Day reviewed the proposed terms and conditions for the project.

Mr. Dick moved that **A2007-0373 be approved for \$16,500 in Calloway County funds and \$16,500 in State funds**; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Kyle Day presented A2007-0375, Let's Beautify La Center, Inc. Let's Beautify La Center, Inc. requests \$12,500 in Ballard County funds and \$12,500 of State funds for the construction of a farmer's market facility. Mr. Day reviewed the proposed terms and conditions for the project.

Mr. Hunt moved that **A2007-0375 be approved for \$12,500 in Ballard County funds and \$12,500 in State funds**; Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. The motion was passed without dissent.

Todd Harp presented A2007-0406, Bourbon County Fiscal Court. Bourbon County Fiscal Court requests \$15,000 in Bourbon County funds, \$1,500 in Clark County funds, \$2,500 in Fayette County funds and \$38,000 of State funds for the construction of a farmer's market facility. Mr. Harp reviewed the proposed terms and conditions for the project.

Mr. Mahan moved that **A2007-0406 be approved \$15,000 in Bourbon County funds, \$1,500 Clark County funds, \$2,500 in Fayette County funds, and \$38,000 of State funds**. Mr. Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Recommendations for No Funding

Nick Whobrey presented A2007-0364, Whitley County Cooperative Extension. Whitley County Cooperative Extension requests \$2,534 in Whitley County funds for developing a county agricultural website. Mr. Whobrey recommended no funding because the project is duplicating services already provided.

Mr. Goodin moved that application **A2007-0364 be denied for the requested \$2,534**; Mr. Cleaver seconded the motion. The motion was passed without dissent.

Christi Marksburry presented A2007-0366, Voice, Video, & Data Services, Inc. Voice, Video, & Data Services requests \$40,000 in Hardin County funds to administer a Rural Broadband Wireless Internet program for Tobacco Farmers in Hardin County. Ms. Marksburry recommended no funding because this application was given a low priority by the Hardin County Agricultural Development Council.

Mr. Dick moved that application **A2007-0366 be denied for the requested \$40,000**; Mr. Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Christi Marksburry presented A2007-0405, Voice, Video, & Data Services, Inc. Voice, Video, & Data Services requests \$40,000 in Shelby County funds to administer a Rural Broadband Wireless Internet program for Tobacco Farmers in Shelby County. Ms. Marksburry recommended no funding because this application was given a low priority by the Shelby County Agricultural Development Council.

Dean Smith moved that application **A2007-0405 be denied for the requested \$40,000**; Mr. Cleaver seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Recommendations for Pending

The following applications were noted, but no action was taken:
Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development Foundation, Inc. (A2007-0371);
The Center for Rural Development, Inc. (A2007-0387);
Lee's Plant Farms, Inc. (A2007-0391); and
The Campbell Farm Wool Art Center (A2007-0404).

Recommendations for Deferred

Christi Marksbury presented A2007-0151, Grasshopper's Distribution, LLC. Grasshopper's Distribution, LLC requests \$56,500 in County funds and \$120,000 in State funds for a total of \$176,500.

Ms. Marksbury called on Susan Schlosnagle with Grasshopper's Distribution to Answer any of the Board's questions. Tim Mracek presented the vision of Grasshopper's (Hand out on file with Board Secretary).

Other Business

Closing Remarks

The next meeting of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board will convene at 10:00 AM CST on Thursday, November 15th at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Bowling Green, KY. Note time and location of meeting subject to change; ample notification will be given if such a change occurs.

Mr. Barlow moved to adjourn; Mr. Mahan seconded the motion. **The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. CDT.** The motion passed without dissent.

APPROVED: _____

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

SECRETARY: _____

APPENIDIX B: *Model Program Lists*

Appl #

Project Name

Project Type

APPENIDIX C: *Requested Amendments*